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SUBJECT: IWC MEETING, JANUARY 29, 1974

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1. SUMMARY. ADVISORY SUB-COMMITTEE (ASC) MET IN ALL-DAY SESSION JANUARY 29. EXPORT AVAILABILITIES INCREASED FOR AUSTRALIA TO 6.3 MILLION TONS AND FOR ARGENTINA TO 2.3 MILLION TONS. EC WOULD NOT AGREE TO ANY CHANGES IN THEIR FIGURES. DE GRUBEN EC TOLD U.S. DEL IN PRIVATE THAT "UPPER LEVEL EC EXPORT RANGE UNREALISTIC BUT THAT HE COULD NOT SAY SO PUBLICLY." END SUMMARY.

2. ASC REVIEWED MARKET CONDITIONS. AUSTRALIA REPORTED HARVEST VIRTUALLY COMPLETE AND THAT NO SIGNIFICANT DAMAGE DONE WHEAT GROWING AREAS. STATED FLOODS COULD HAMPER RAIL MOVEMENTS OF WHEAT. REVISED EXPORT AVAILABILITY JULY - JUNE CROP YEAR TO 6.3 MILLION TONS.

3. ARGENTINE DEL REPORTED HARVEST OF 6.5 MILLION TONS
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INCLUDING 5.9 MILLION TONS BREAD WHEAT AND 0.6 MILLION

TONS CANDEAL. INCREASED EXPORT AVAILABILITY TO 2.3 MILLION TONS.

4. EC REFUSED TO CHANGE ITS EXPORT AVAILABILITY BECAUSE OF "UNKNOWN RESULTS OF DELETION OF DENATURING PREMIUM FEB. 10 AND UNCERTAINTIES IN TRADE PATTERNS CAUSED BY INCREASED SUBSTITUTION OF EC GRAINS FOR IMPORTS WITHIN NINE." EC REPORTED EXPORT CERTIFICATES FOR SOFT WHEAT AND FLOUR WERE 3.7 MILLION TONS AS OF JANUARY 17. EC REP STATED EC IMPORTS OF WHEAT INCLUDING DURUM IN ORIGINAL SIX WERE 450,000 TONS BELOW LAST YEAR FOR FIRST SIX MONTHS OF CROP YEAR AND THAT SIMILAR TRENDS EXISTED IN NEW MEMBER STATES. DE GRUBEN IN PRIVATE TOLD U.S. REP THAT HE AGREED UPPER LIMITS OF 6.2 - 8.2 MILLION TON EXPORT FIGURE WAS "VERY UNREALISTIC" BUT THAT HE WOULD NOT SAY SO PUBLICLY. HE SAID HE HOPED HE COULD BE MORE FORTHCOMING IN FEBRUARY MEETING.

5. CANADIAN DEL AGREED WITH SECRETARIAT THAT BECAUSE OF TRANSPORTATION DIFFICULTIES CANADIAN EXPORTS WOULD ONLY REACH 13.0 MILLION TONS. BOTH CANADIAN AND U.S. DELS QUESTIONED AS TO POSSIBLE VOLUME OF CANADIAN EXPORTS TO U.S. THROUGH JUNE 30. BOTH RESPONDED THAT NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE.

6. PARA. 2 OF TOFAS 35 DELETED FROM REPORT PER U.S. REQUEST.

7. 1974/75 FORECAST DREW LITTLE DISCUSSION. SECRETARIAT CONTINUING TO GATHER DATA WITH ATTEMPT TO HAVE PRELIMINARY S AND D ASSESSMENT BY MARCH MEETING.

8. EC DEL STATED: 1) EC FORECAST WAS FOR LOWER YIELDS BECAUSE OF CLIMATIC CONDITIONS; 2) NO FEARS OF FERTILIZER SHORTAGE IN EC; 3) WHEAT ACREAGE SLIGHTLY ABOVE LAST YEAR.

9. CONCERNING FUTURE WORKLOAD SPAIN BACKED TO A CERTAIN EXTENT BY AUSTRALIA PUSHED HARD FOR BROADENING SECRETARIAT WORK LOAD TO INCLUDE EFFECTS ON WHEAT TRADING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF FREIGHT RATES, ENERGY SITUATION, S & D OF OTHER GRAINS, ETC. ALL OTHER DELS AND SECRETARIAT RECOMMENDED CAUTION LEST SECRETARIAT RESOURCES BE DILUTED. MATTER RESOLVED BY PAROTTE AGREEING "TAKE THESE FACTORS INTO CONSIDERATION IN GENERAL WAY AS THEY APPEAR TO HAVE BEARING."

10. MEETING SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY: 19 - ASC; 20 A.M.

FOOD AID; P.M. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE; 21 - A.M. COUNCIL.

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